

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action dated June 5, 2006 in the above-captioned application. Claims 1-21, 23, 24 and 26-27 are pending. The Office Action indicated that claims 1-20 were allowed, claims 21, 23, 24, 26 and 27 were rejected, and claim 25 was objected to as being dependent on a rejected claim.

Claim Amendments and Rejections

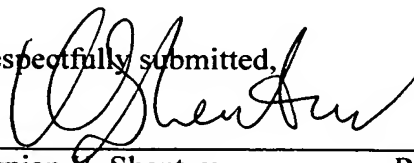
The Office Action rejected claims 21, 24, 26 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application 2003/0066646 to Shammai et al., but indicated that claim 25 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejection of independent claim 21, but in the interest of advancing the prosecution of the current application have amended claim 21 to incorporate the limitations of claim 25, indicated as allowable by the examiner. In the amendment, as suggested by the Examiner, applicants have also corrected an inadvertent typographical error in the spelling of the word "downhole." Claim 25 has been canceled. Accordingly, amended claim 21 and claims 23, 24, 26, 27 dependent thereon are believed to be allowable in view of this amendment. Applicants expressly reserve their right to prosecute one or more applications directed to the subject matter of the canceled claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. A favorable decision by the Examiner to that effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments concerning this submission, or any aspect of the application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the phone number listed below.

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